THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b). (i) Interdialling facility is proposed to be introduced in Coimbatore district as under:

1. Thungavi and Udumalpet

2. Koduvai and Palladam during the current year.

(ii) At present there is no proposal to introduce interdialling/Group dialling at Pudupalaym Exchange.

Isolation of Palghat and Manakpur, ITIs

3870.SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to isolate Palghat and Manakpur units of Indian Telephone Industries for E-10B and OCB-283 versions;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the financial implications arising out of the decision; and

(d) whether such decision will lead to massive employment of the products of the above industries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

Vacant Posts of Grade I Officers in Delhi Administration

3871. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 250 posts of Grade I Officers in Delhi Administration are lying vacant for the last two years; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to fill up these posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The Delhi Administration has reported that 229 posts of Grade I Officers are lying vacant at present. The seniority list of Grade II Officers is under finalisation for effecting promotions to Grade I.

Proposal to Open more Channels on Doordarshan

3872. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open more national channels to overcome the keen competition thrust on doordarshan by foreign T.V. networks;

(b) whether the Government have improvisation plans to enhance the standard of both the soft ware and Land-ware to compete with satellite transmission of other countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Constant efforts continue to be made to upgrade the technology and to bring about qualitative improvement in the